

Basic Detail Report



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Title

Wooden paddle from model of five-part outrigger canoe

Date

c 1945

Medium

Wood, pigment, natural fibre

Dimensions

Overall: 321 x 35 x 19 mm, 13.57 g

Name

Paddle

History

The owner related that this canoe was a model of a 'lakatoi' which he exchanged for two tins of spam in Madang (mid-north coast PNG) in 1944. He said he saw the canoes sailing there and their sailors were taken on as pilots for the US Army Small ships. 'Lakatoi' according to most sources is a large native trading vessel made up of three or more dugout hulls, using quite a different type of sail, specific to the SOUTH coast of PNG, therefore not the type of vessel depicted by the model. It is thought that the term became generalised to mean 'any native seagoing boat' to Europeans. This model has been confirmed by Haddon & Hornell (Canoes of Oceania) as representing types from the vicinity of Madang.